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From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS FOR WORK DETAILS

Ref: (a) MCBO P1640.1
(b) SECNAVINST 1640.9B (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To publish policy and guidelines for assignment and employment of prisoners for unit work details.

2. Cancellation. MCBO 5312.1.

3. Summary of Revision. This revision contains a significant number of changes and should be reviewed in its entirety.

4. Background. Per the references, units are encouraged to productively utilize prisoners for performing worthwhile and constructive work. In this regard, procedures for obtaining prisoner labor have been streamlined in order to employ the maximum number of prisoners available while reducing written administrative requirements.

5. Information

a. Suitable work for prisoner labor includes maintenance and repair of facilities and grounds, salvage, conservation of government property, and other such tasks that are normally accomplished by service members. Prohibited duties include:

(1) Placing one prisoner in authority over another prisoner.

(2) Assigning duties that are for the exclusive benefit of an individual or private organization.

(3) Inherently dangerous or hazardous tasks, except in an emergency situation.

(4) Handling of, or access to, drugs, narcotics, intoxicants, uncrated explosives or weapons, money, security equipment, classified material, or personnel records.

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b. Availability of prisoners for assignment to outside work details is based on security custody classification requirements and legal statutes. Qualified prisoners are available for outside work assignments Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 0730-1530. Additional days are available on a case-by-case basis.

c. Prisoners will only be released to unit chasers who have successfully completed the Brig Prisoner Chaser/Escort Course. Units may make arrangements to send their personnel to the course by contacting the Brig Contraband Control Unit, Monday through Friday, 0800-1600, at DSN 278-2718/4241/2040 or commercial (703) 784-2718/4241/2040. On-site instructions can be arranged on a case-by-case basis.


6. Action

a. Written requests for prisoner labor are no longer required.

b. Units may call the Brig Work Supervisor at ext. 2718/4241/2040 between 0800 and 1600 on the day prior to the date they desire the work details.

c. Prisoner chasers must check-in with the Brig Work Supervisor no later than 0700. Units failing to pick up prisoner work details after requesting same may jeopardize their ability to make future requests.

d. All prisoner work details will be fed at the Brig messhall. Exceptions can be made to feed prisoners on the work site if chasers request box lunches from the Brig messhall at the time prisoners are picked up from the Brig. Units will be required to pick up the box lunches after 1000. The escort will eat at the same time as the prisoner.



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